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PRACTICE

ROBERT L. POLIFRONI, P.J. Cv. (Ret.) conducts his ADR/CDR PRACTICE at HARDIN, KUNDLA, McKEON & POLETTO in its Springfield, NJ office. He brings insight, experience, and a professional, but practical, approach to settling disputes. Judge Polifroni recently retired after 15 years of distinguished service in the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, including 10 years as the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division in Bergen County. He presided over a variety of bench and jury trials to verdict, ranging from commercial and insurance disputes to personal injury and wrongful death actions, in areas ranging from automobile and premises liability, to professional negligence (medical, attorney, broker); construction, condemnation, and mass tort (Fen-Phen). As the Presiding Judge of a large vicinage, he spent countless hours managing and resolving disputes of all kinds.

Prior to the bench, Judge Polifroni enjoyed a long career in civil litigation, and was designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney from 1986 – 2006. He also served as a Rule 1:40 Qualified Mediator. After leaving private practice in 2005, he served as Special Deputy Commissioner to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance until his appointment to the Superior Court in 2006.

EDUCATION

Iona College, B.A., with honors (1975)
Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (1978)

ADMISSIONS

New Jersey (1978)
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1978)
United States Supreme Court (1986)

MEMBERSHIP

N.J. Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee 2010- 2020
Conference of N.J Civil Presiding Judges (2011- 2021); Chair, 2018-2019
New Jersey Judicial Council (2018-2019)
Justice Morris Pashman Inns of Court (2006 – 2016); President, two terms
New Jersey State Bar Association
Bergen County Bar Association

TEACHING & LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

New Jersey Judicial College Faculty

- Annual Orientation Program for Superior Court Judges New to Civil; Various Presentations at Judicial College and Biennial Conference of Civil Judges

NJ Institute For Continuing Legal Education (Rule and Case Law Update; Legal Malpractice)

NJ State Bar Association (Civil Trial Section)

Bergen County Bar Association (Civil Practice / Professionalism CLE)

New Jersey Association for Justice (Meadowlands Conventions)

PRIOR POSITIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Member, Bergen County Board of Ethics, 2003-2005
Member, Bergen Community College Board of Trustees, 2004- 2005
Member, Parish Council (Our Lady of Victories)
Member, Harrington Park School Core Curriculum Committee
Recipient, Harrington Park Volunteer of Year Award
Guest Lecturer, Advanced Civil Practice Sections, Rutgers Law School (Newark)
Bergen County Early Settlement Program
New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators